

# Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

Hundreds of "summer" puppies are abandoned each year when vacation months end and their so-called owners return home.

What happens to a half-grown dog, cared for all his young life, when he finds himself suddenly without food, shelter, or the family he loves?

The forgotten dog may trustingly assume that his people are coming back and for days wait near the house, eager with hope everytime a car passes.

Perhaps he might set out after them. Though more exhausted with each mile, he'll keep going as long as he can, too bewildered to do anything else.

IF THE dog isn't killed

under the wheels of a car, the abandoned dog will try to live by scavenging food. He now risks being poisoned shot or trapped.

Lack of nourishment may starve him outright or weaken him until he succumbs to disease or is easy game for wild animals.

But if he's clever and tough, he'll survive as a thieving outcast. Bitter experience quickly teaches him to beware of people. Frightened, suspicious, he is not likely to be adopted by kindly humans.

The ill-fated future of summer puppies can often be predicted when a vacationing family gives in to the children's coaxing for a pet.

IN THE Fall, families go back to city apartments or close-quartered suburbs. Children start school and the pressures of non-holiday life close in on the parents. There's no place for the puppy, now a leggy adolescent, not nearly as irresistible in September as he was in June.

Twenty-eight states have some type of legislation prohibiting animal abandonment. Most people who desert summer puppies are unaware of these laws and probably wouldn't obey them anyway. After all, a dog can't report a car license number or give a missing person description of his owner.

An animal should never, never be abandoned to the doubtful mercy of his kind or — even worse — man.

**BROWSER BROWINGS** — To protect the animals from vandals, German Shepherd dogs patrol the Bronx Zoo in New York City from closing time to dawn . . . For letting his dog's hair go untrimmed for seven years, a man in Chatham, England, was fined \$8.40. How about that?

Actress Susannah York has a King Charles Spaniel who likes to go horseback riding with his mistress . . . A news report crossing my desk informs this reporter that our National Dog Week parade on Hollywood Boulevard outdrew both Humphrey and Nixon rallies held on the same day in Los Angeles. With saturation political pros and cons nominating the audio and visual scene between now and Nov. 5 — more people preferred seeing man's best friend, the dog on the march. And that's for dog-gone sure!

**COUNT YOGI** is an avid Great Dane and Wire-haired Fox Terrier fancier. The famed golfing genius owns one of each . . . Jet Pets, headquartering out of Inglewood, is supplying a unique

service to pet owners. This first of its kind operation is an animal travel and boarding company. Francis E. Hasenauer, the firm's general manager, explained his overdue service to the pet loving public in this fashion. "We pick up the animals at the owners door, document the shipments, supply the shipping containers, make the necessary airline reservations, notify the consignee of the arrival time, the flight, the airline, etc. A complete package service at a nominal fee." Hasenauer further pointed out the fact that Jet Pets has been gratefully accepted by all airline carriers in Los Angeles and their branch installation in San Francisco. I can wholeheartedly recommend JetPets to my readers.

I spotted this cute sign in a pet shop — "If you must go to the dogs, stop here first . . ." When we learn to be as good, as loving and as forgiving as our noble dogs, then and then only

will we have reached the pinnacle of God's intended creation.

**BREED OF THE WEEK** Golden Retriever . . . The story of how the Golden Retriever came to be known in England and America sounds more like fiction than fact. He is descended from taffy-colored sheep dogs that were used as herd guards in the Caucasus Mountains of Southern Russia.

About the year 1853, a British sportsman, Sir Dudley Majoribanks, witnessed a performance put on by a traveling circus at Brighton, the popular English seaside resort. One of the featured acts was a troupe of taffy-colored sheep dogs.

Sir Dudley was so taken with the cleverness and good looks of the dogs that he was determined to buy a pair of them. The owner of the dogs, at first refused to sell, claiming that the act would be broken up and

ruined. After a bit of dicker-ing, Sir Dudley made an offer, which was accepted for the entire troupe of eight dogs.

**THE DOGS** arrived at in Scotland and during the next ten years many litters of these intelligent Russian dogs were bred and raised to maturity.

The Golden Retriever received recognition by the English Kennel Club in 1911 and in 1932 the American Kennel Club followed suit.

The Golden Retriever has many admirers in America today for Golden's have starred in show competition, field trails and obedience tests. His fine disposition and handsomeness make the Golden a pet to please the most discriminating.

The Golden Retriever is classified in the sporting group of dogs. He tips the scales at about 65 pounds and in height 23 inches.

## Shoplifting To Be Topic

The Torrance Community Coordinating Council will meet today at 10 a.m. at the Torrance YMCA.

The council is an association composed of representatives of community organizations and agencies and interested citizens who come together on a voluntary basis to cope with the problems of juvenile delinquency and youth welfare.

At the Wednesday meeting the topic for discussion will be shoplifting by teenagers. The speaker at this meeting will be a representative from the Del Amo Merchants Association.

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